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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF INCREASED AMOUNTS
OF CORRECTLY FOLDED HETEROLOGOUS PROTEIN IN
INCLUSION BODIES

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--PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF INCREASED AMOUNTS OF CORRECTLY FOLDED
HETEROLOGOUS PROTEIN IN INCLUSION BODIES--

A copy of the filing receipt with the correction noted is enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the first page of the International Search Report showing wherein the text of the title was changed to the above-listed title by the European Patent Office.

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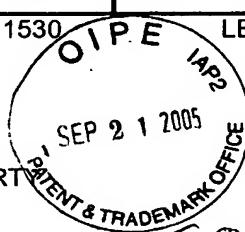


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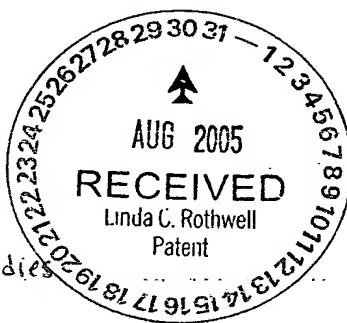
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Title

Process for the production of heterologous protein in inclusion bodies

increased amounts of correctly
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Preliminary Class

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference L16-17345.5/me	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP 03/06134	International filing date (day/month/year) 11/06/2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 31/07/2002
Applicant LEK PHARMACEUTICALS D.D.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. ~~With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.~~

- the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. ~~With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :~~
 - contained in the international application in written form.
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 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 - the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 - the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF INCREASED AMOUNTS OF CORRECTLY FOLDED HETEROLOGOUS PROTEIN IN INCLUSION BODIES

5. With regard to the abstract,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.